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SUBJECT: BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING: DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR-
EWG ANTI-ARMOR BRIEFING

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1. FRG MILITARY COUNSELLOR (BRIGGEN SCHUENEMANN), DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH U.S. DEFENSE ADVISOR (PRENDERGAST), SAID BONN OFFICIALS WERE "UNDER IMPRESSION" THAT US DESIRED FRG PARTICIPATION IN ANTI-ARMOR BRIEFING TO BE GIVEN EWG ON MAY 2, 1974. SCHUENEMANN EMPHASIZED THAT FRG WAS NOT PUSHING FOR A JOINT US-FRG BRIEFING, BUT WOULD WILLINGLY PARTICIPATE IF INVITED.

2. MISSION ACKNOWLEDGES PREVIOUS WASHINGTON RECOMMENDATION THAT FRG-US DISCUSSIONS AT WORKING LEVEL FOLLOW EWG PRESENTATION (REF B). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE JOINT US-FRG BRIEFING WOULD BE VALUABLE IF PROPER ADVANCE COORDINATION IS POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE THAT US-FRG TEAMS FINALIZE JOINT
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BRIEFING EITHER IN BONN OR BRUSSELS PRIOR TO MAY 2.

GUIDANCE REQUIRED: WASHINGTON VIEWS ON POSSIBLE JOINT US-FRG

BRIEFING IN ORDER MISSION MAY RESPOND PROMPTLY TO SCHUENEMANN.

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